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NWT Labour Force Activity
- September 2014 -

In September 2014, Statistics Canada estimates that 22,000 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories representing an employment rate of 69.2%. Nationally, Canada's employment rate was 62.2% last month.

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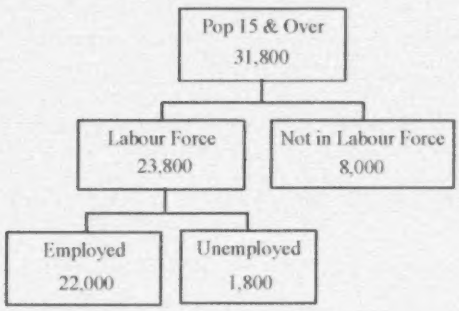

Compared to last month, both the number of employed and unemployed persons were slightly lower and those not in the labour force increased by approximately 300 persons. This movement out of the labour force led to a decrease in the participation rate and may be related to students returning to school.

While the pattern of seasonal employment in 2014 is similar to previous years, the monthly rates remain lower. The employment rate last month was the lowest recorded for September since 2010.

Figure 1 ***Employment Rates***
Northwest Territories, 2011 - 2014

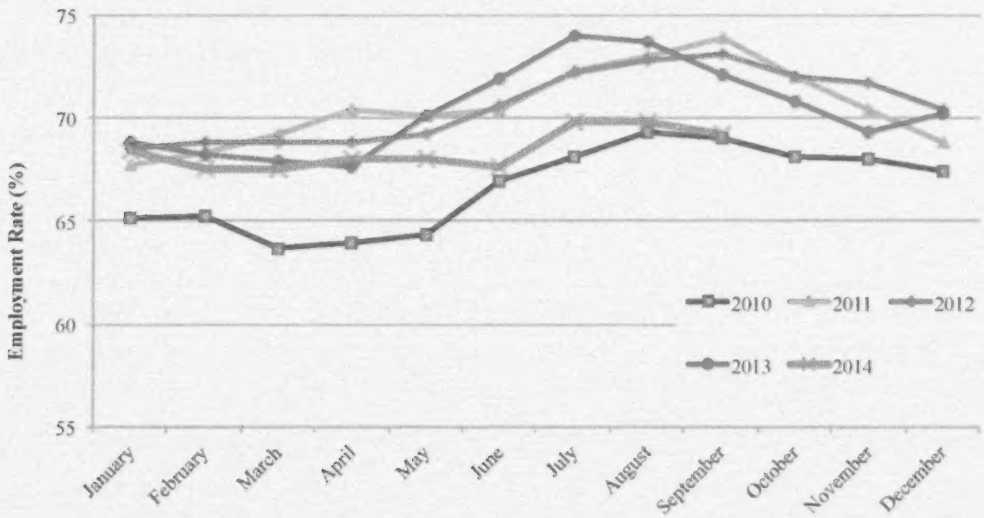

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Table 2 shows the September employment levels and rates by key characteristics since 2012. Lower employment has affected employment rates across all groups of people during September 2014, particularly youth and Non-Aboriginals.

Table 2 ***Employment Rates by Key Characteristics Northwest Territories***

	Sep-14		Sep-13		Sep-12	
	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)
Northwest Territories	**22,000**	**69.2**	**23,000**	**72.1**	**23,400**	**73.1**
15-24 Yrs.	3,100	48.4	3,500	53.8	3,700	55.2
25 Yrs. & Over	18,800	74.0	19,500	76.8	19,600	77.5
Males	11,600	70.7	12,100	72.9	12,000	72.7
Females	10,400	67.5	10,900	71.2	11,400	73.5
Aboriginal	7,800	54.9	8,000	55.9	8,400	59.2
Non-Aboriginal	14,200	80.7	15,000	84.7	14,900	83.7
Yellowknife	12,300	79.4	13,200	82.0	12,600	82.9
Other	9,700	59.5	9,800	62.0	10,800	64.3

Compared to September 2013, the number of persons employed decreased by 1,000. The largest losses over this time were for full-time work, offset somewhat by a small increase in part-time employment. Similarly, employment lost in service producing industries was offset by an increase in goods producing industries.

Table 3 ***Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics Northwest Territories, September 2014***

				Aug-14 to Sept-14	Sept-13 to Sept-14
	Sep-14	Aug-14	Sep-13	Change (persons)	
Total Employment	22,000	22,200	23,000	(200)	(1,000)
Full-time	19,900	20,000	21,100	(100)	(1,200)
Part-time	2,100	2,200	1,800	(100)	300
Employees	20,300	20,300	21,000	-	(700)
Public	9,400	9,600	10,000	(200)	(600)
Private	10,800	10,700	11,000	100	(200)
Self-employment	1,800	1,900	2,000	(100)	(200)
Goods Producing	4,200	4,100	4,000	100	200
Service Producing	17,800	18,100	19,000	(300)	(1,200)

Table 4 presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

Table 4 ***Labour Force Activity***
Northwest Territories

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployed	Not in the Labour Force	Participation Rate	Unemployment Rate	Employment Rate
Sep-14	31,800	23,800	22,000	1,800	8,000	74.8	7.6	69.2
Aug-14	31,800	24,100	22,200	1,900	7,700	75.8	7.9	69.8
Jul-14	31,800	24,400	22,200	2,200	7,400	76.7	9.0	69.8
Jun-14	31,800	23,900	21,500	2,300	8,000	75.2	9.6	67.6
May-14	31,900	23,800	21,700	2,200	8,100	74.6	9.2	68.0
Apr-14	31,900	23,800	21,700	2,100	8,200	74.6	8.8	68.0
Mar-14	32,000	23,500	21,600	1,900	8,500	73.4	8.1	67.5
Feb-14	32,000	23,400	21,600	1,900	8,500	73.1	8.1	67.5
Jan-14	32,000	23,800	21,900	1,900	8,200	74.4	8.0	68.4
Dec-13	31,900	24,400	22,400	2,000	7,600	76.5	8.2	70.2
Nov-13	31,900	24,200	22,100	2,100	7,700	75.9	8.7	69.3
Oct-13	31,900	24,600	22,600	2,000	7,300	77.1	8.1	70.8
Previous Years:								
Sep-13	31,900	25,100	23,000	2,100	6,800	78.7	8.4	72.1
Sep-12	32,000	25,600	23,400	2,200	6,500	80.0	8.6	73.1
Sep-11	32,200	25,700	23,800	1,900	6,400	79.8	7.4	73.9
Sep-10	32,300	23,900	22,300	1,600	8,400	74.0	6.7	69.0
Sep-09	32,100	22,700	20,900	1,800	9,400	70.7	7.9	65.1
Sep-08	32,100	24,600	23,300	1,300	7,600	76.6	5.3	72.6
Sep-07	31,800	25,300	23,900	1,500	6,500	79.6	5.9	75.2
Sep-06	31,400	24,600	23,400	1,100	6,800	78.3	4.5	74.5
Sep-05	31,300	24,500	23,100	1,400	6,800	78.3	5.7	73.8
Sep-04	31,000	24,200	22,900	1,300	6,800	78.1	5.4	73.9

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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